

September 2018 KYD Network has the following position available:

## Half-Time Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach (20 hours/week)

Our vision is that all Kalamazoo County youth are college, career, and community ready by age 21.

Our mission is to ensure that all Kalamazoo County youth have access to high quality youth-driven, diverse, inclusive and equitable out-of-school time (OST) programs that are well coordinated and use resources efficiently.

**Position Summary:** The Kalamazoo Youth Development Network (KYD Network) seeks to improve the social emotional learning (SEL) skills of youth who attend out-of-school (OST) programs in Kalamazoo County. We do this by assessing youth's SEL strengths using the Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) and tailoring strategies to individual youth and groups of youth.

The Social Emotional Learning Coach will work 20 hours a week to support the process by which youth and adults develop fundamental social and emotional learning competencies. The SEL Coach will work to build and deepen positive program climate and culture in the out-of-school (OST) organizations involved in the SEL cohort by training adults on how to facilitate youths' understanding and mastery of SEL skills in each of the eight SEL core competencies.

## **Job Duties:**

- Stay current on best practices in social and emotional learning.
- Consult with OST organizations' leadership and staff concerning social emotional learning needs of youth using the results of the DESSA.
- Provide guidance in designing social emotional learning integration into OST programming.

- Provide professional development to support the use of social emotional learning strategies by using best practices, including research on learning theory and SEL core competencies.
- Support the integration of program-wide social and emotional learning strategies.
- Provide social and emotional learning workshops for parents and the community.
- Provide technical support and modeling of social and emotional learning lessons to small groups in accordance with curriculum identified by each organization.
- Work 20 hours a week, primarily during the afternoon and evenings, in Kalamazoo County.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

## **Qualifications:**

- Five years of youth development experience preferred; experience in social emotional learning and coaching adults preferred.
- Bachelor's degree required.
- Familiarity with quality youth development concepts and strategies.
- Willingness to embrace concept of "youth-driven spaces."
- Availability to work afternoons and evenings.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work with adults from different perspectives and backgrounds.
- Superior group facilitation skills.

Resumes can be submitted, along with a cover letter, to <a href="meg@kydnet.org">meg@kydnet.org</a> and will be accepted through September 30, 2018

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